

Table 636. Federal and State Minimum Wage Rates: 1940 to 2009

[In current dollars. Where an employee is subject to both the state and federal minimum wage laws, the employee is entitled to the higher minimum wage rate]

Year	Federal minimum wage rates per hour	State	2009 minimum wage rates per hour	State	2009 minimum wage rates per hour	State	2009 minimum wage rates per hour
1940 . . .	0.30	KY	7.25	ND	7.25		
1945 . . .	0.40	AL	(¹)	LA	(¹)	OH	7.30
1950 . . .	0.75	AK	7.15	ME	7.50	OK	⁷ 7.25
1955 . . .	0.75	AZ	7.25	MD	7.25	OR	8.40
1960 . . .	1.00	AR	³ 6.25	MA	8.00	PA	7.25
1965 . . .	1.25	CA	8.00	MI	⁴ 7.40	RI	7.40
1970 . . .	1.60	CO	7.28	MN	⁵ 6.15/5.25	SC	(¹)
1975 . . .	2.10	CT	8.00	MS	(¹)	SD	7.25
1980 . . .	3.10	DE	7.15	MO	7.05	TN	(¹)
1985 . . .	3.35	DC	7.55	MT	⁶ 7.25	TX	7.25
1990 . . .	3.80	FL	7.21	NE	² 7.25	UT	7.25
1995 . . .	4.25	GA	³ 5.15	NV	2.85	VT	⁴ 8.06
2000 . . .	5.15	HI	7.25	NH	7.25	VA	² 7.25
2005 . . .	5.15	ID	7.25	NJ	7.25	WA	8.55
2006 . . .	5.15	IL	² 8.00	NM	7.50	WV	³ 7.25
2007 . . .	5.85	IN	⁴ 7.25	NY	7.25	WI	6.50
2008 . . .	6.55	IA	7.25	NC	7.25	WY	5.15
2009 . . .	7.25	KS	2.65				

¹ No state minimum wage law. ² Employers of 4 or more, Illinois excluding family members. ³ Employers of 6 or more. ⁴ Employers of 2 or more. ⁵ Large employer (receipts of \$625,000 or more) and small employer (with annual receipts of less than \$625,000). ⁶ Except businesses with gross annual sales of \$110,000 or less. ⁷ Employees of 10 or more full-time employees at any one location and employers with gross sales over \$100,000 regardless of number of full-time employees.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, "Minimum Wage Laws in the States—January 1, 2009"; <<http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/america.htm>>.